#### 101 Case 2:07-cvs-04936-MAM Document 55-201 Filed 10/01/10 Page 1 of 8 1 2 2 A. I believe in written form. I believe I had to give, like, a 3 Q. All right. And was that written 3 brief overview as to what happened and then 4 form a report handwritten or did you do it on 4 he came up and interviewed me. 5 Okay. So the first one occurred 5 the computer or what? 6 in person or on the phone? 6 A. I don't recall. 7 7 Q. Did you maintain a copy of that A. The first actual interview? 8 Q. Well, you said --8 written form? 9 A. I don't --9 A. Did I make a copy? 10 Q. 10 Q. -- he came up. Uh-huh. Probably. 11 A. Yeah. I don't recall how. I 11 A. 12 don't recall if it came through e-mail, he 12 Q. Well, do you recall specifically doing it? called me, whether it was in person, but he 13 13 14 asked me for a summary of the events that 14 A. No, but I usually don't send 15 went on. 15 something to headquarters without having a Q. So you received some form of 16 copy. 16 17 Q. That's a good, safe thing. 17 communication from Lieutenant Hile. 18 A. Some form. 18 Do you recall making a copy of that and providing it to your 19 Who is located where? 19 Q. attorney? 20 20 A. Montoursville. 21 Q. And you don't know whether it was 21 A. No. phone, correspondence or electronic. 22 MR. HENZES: Copy sent to 22 23 A. No, sir. 23 BPR is in the BPR file.

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And you replied to that

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communication how?

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MR. PURICELLI:

Interesting thing about the BPR file is

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2	your reference was that there was no		2	contacted	Mr. Bush.	
3	report.		3	Q.	Okay.	
4	MR. HENZES: It's all in		4	A.	Which	
5	the documents.		5	Q.	And I assume you did that?	
6	BY MR. PURICELLI:		6	Α.	Yeah.	
7	Q. Now, do you recall what you said		7	Q.	So there should be a written	
8	in your written statement?		8	document someplace with that information.		
9.	A. I stated the facts that I was		9		I'll show you what your	
10	aware of.		10	attorney	produced to me. It's still in the	
11	Q. Okay. Do you recall any words		11	form that	t it was produced.	
12	you used in this fact reply?		12		Could you see if you could	
13	A. Excuse me?		13	find your	written report in there?	
14	Q. Do you recall any of the words		14		MR. HENZES: We'd have t	0
15	you used in this fact reply?		15	see v	what the question asked for.	
16	A. I just explained the things that		16	MR. PURICELLI: His		
17	I'm telling you today.		17	write	ten statement that he gave.	
18	Q. Do you recall what you said?		18		MR. HENZES: Again, I'd	
19	A. As far as my interaction with		19	have to see what the question		
20	Mr. Bush?		20		THE WITNESS: I think	
21	Q. Yes. Whatever I don't know		21	you're confusioning a written statement		
22	what the lieutenant told you.		22	for t	he BPR with a general overview of	
23	What did he tell you?		23	wha	t happened so he could determine wh	at
24	A. He told me to give a summary of		24	he w	as going to ask me.	
25	my contact with Mr. Bush and the reason why	I	25			

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2	BY MR. PURICELLI:	2	a BPR was ever done.
3	Q. Well, classify it however you	3	MR. PURICELLI: That's
4	want.	4	what you represented in the last
5	MR. HENZES: My question	1 5	deposition.
6	to you is	6	MR. HENZES: It wasn't
7	MR. PURICELLI: It's the	7	done. In fact, I know it wasn't done.
8	document we're talking about.	8	MR. PURICELLI: That's
9	MR. HENZES: My question	n 9	interesting.
10	to you is: What does the document	10	,
11	request say so that we can refer to	11	(Discussion held off the
12	what's	12	record.)
13	MR. PURICELLI: The BPI	R. 13	a aja
14	The BPR report.	14	MR. PURICELLI: So can we
15	MR. HENZES: Is that what	t 15	stipulate on the record
16	was asked for?	16	MR. HENZES: Whatever
17	That's all I'm asking,	17	documentation on here is what was done.
18	Brian, is what does the question ask	18	If it's on there, it's on there, but it
19	for?	19	should have been
20	MR. PURICELLI: Sure.	20	MR. PURICELLI: Well, I
21	MR. HENZES: I am lookin	g 21	don't want you to think we're misstating
22	to see if I don't think	22	something.
23	MR. PURICELLI: I know.	23	MR. HENZES: No.
24	That's why I asked about it.	24	MR. PURICELLI: I can
25	MR. HENZES: I don't thin	k 25	represent to you that there's no BPR

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107 108 1 1 JOSEPH TRIPP JOSEPH TRIPP 2 2 BY MR. PURICELLI: investigation report on the disk you 3 3 You weren't aware that there was provided. There are none in the an investigation, a, quote, unquote, limited 4 domuments I just provided you, which 4 5 were the hand carried ones, the hand 5 investigation being done on you? 6 A. I was under the assumption a BPR 6 documents. 7 7 MR. HENZES: Right. was being done on me. 8 8 MR. PURICELLI: And you Thank you. 9 represented to me on December 22 that no 9 And what made you believe 10 investigation BPR report was done. 10 that there was a BPR being done? 11 Because I get a lieutenant 11 MR. HENZES: Right. Nothing that would be classified as a calling me up and telling he was going to 12 12 13 BPR report was completed. 13 come interview me on a complaint from somebody that --14 MR. PURICELLI: All right. 14 Then we're splitting hairs. 15 Q. How long have you been with the 15 16 MR. HENZES: No. There's 16 **State Police?** 17 It will be 20 years. 17 a difference. There's a difference; as A. Have you ever been investigated 18 vou'll find out. 18 Q. by BPR? 19 MR. PURICELLI: I take 19 it -- I think we will find out if we're 20 A. Yes. 20 Okay. And is it your experience 21 going to play splitting hairs with 21 Q. that a member of BPR comes and talks to you? 22 limited investigations, troop 22 I've had both. 23 investigations that were discussed at 23 A. 24 Okay. So you've been 24 the arbitration. 25 25 investigated by a command person outside of

#### Case 2:07-cvs-04936-MAM Document 55-201 Filed 10/01/3-0 Page 3 of 8 2 cryptic. I'm trying to stay in your 2 BPR for BPR investigation? 3 When you say command personnel --3 testimony. Okay. A. 4 Q. Lieutenant. 4 You then responded in 5 writing somehow. 5 A. -- previous ranks. As a trooper 6 you get investigated it could be a corporal 6 A. (Nods head up and down.) 7 And do you know whether or not 7 or sergeant, not necessarily a commanding 8 that writing was put on the communication 8 officer. 9 Q. 9 center like an e-mail, that you mailed it or All right. A superior. vou did what? 10 10 A. 11 Q. All right. Fair enough. 11 A. I honestly don't recall. 12 O. Okay. And you're unable to find 12 Now, in this particular that communication in the documents, right, case you were unaware that there allegedly 13 13 14 was a decision that BPR would not investigate 14 that I gave you? 15 15 you? A. Correct. Q. 16 And I will let you look at the 16 A. I just told that I was the 17 subject of an investigation. 17 disks. 18 Q. Okay. And aside from doing this 18 MR. HENZES: Put the disk 19 first communication --19 in. 20 BY MR. PURICELLI: 20 A. First communication? Now, how long in time had passed 21 Q. Well, we don't know how the 21 Q. from the time you sent your writing out until lieutenant got you. You can't tell me if it 22 22 23 the time the lieutenant showed up? 23 was by phone. 24 Not that long. 24 A. I got you. A. 25 25 Q. Okay. When you say "not that Q. Okay. I'm not trying to be Bucks County Court Reporters 215.348.1173

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Let's go with a month.

Right?

I don't think so.

I've got to ask.

I don't know.

you don't recall who you talked to?

a week? More than a week?

month or more than a month?

A.

Q.

A.

Q.

A.

Q.

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Q.

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Chris Bush.

Q.

anybody else?

I talked to the chief or not.

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111 112 1 JOSEPH TRIPP long," are we referring to a week? Less than 2 record.) 3 Oh, more than a week, I'd say. 4 (Exhibit Tripp-2, marked 5 for identification.) Okay. Could we say it was a month? Less than -- obviously less than a 6 7 BY MR. PURICELLI: 8 Okay. I'm showing you a Okay. Month, but no more than a 9 statement I received from Charles Patton. 10 Your attorney was provided with this statement in discovery. So this is no 11 12 surprise. 13 You're having a chance to read it now. 14 Okay. Now, in your communication 15 Correct? down to Newtown Township Police Department, 16 Yes. A. 17 I remember talking to Detective 18 (Discussion held off the 19 record.) 20 Aside from him you don't remember 21 BY MR. PURICELLI: 22 You've had a chance now to read Like I said, I don't remember if O. 23 this --24 A. Yes. 25 -- Trooper? Sergeant Tripp. (Discussion held off the Q.

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115 116 1 1 JOSEPH TRIPP JOSEPH TRIPP 2 2 that. Q. All right. So is it your testimony that where Sergeant Patton writes MR. PURICELLI: No. He 3 3 4 that he was contacted in the first paragraph 4 didn't. 5 none of that ever occurred in any of the 5 MR. HENZES: He told you phone calls you made to Newtown Township? he didn't know who answered the phone. 6 6 7 That I was involved in the Go ahead. 8 investigation? BY MR. PURICELLI: 8 9 The question, if you'll listen, 9 I don't recall any of is what Sergeant Patton has written and 10 that. That this guy is asking me if David 10 Bush is Chris Bush's brother. I have no attributes to you is what he attributes you 11 11 idea. 12 doing consistent with what you recalled doing 12 when you called down? 13 Q. You have no idea. 13 14 A. Never. No. 14 A. No. 15 Q. Okay. What's inconsistent? 15 Q. Okay. Now, the second paragraph attributes things that you stated. I called down the first time, as 16 16 A. 17 Okay. Are you saying I testified to earlier, to find out who was 17 investigating the missing Bush children. 18 what's attributed to you as being said isn't 18 They connected me with Detective Bush. Who 19 true? It's only the second 20 20 that person was, dispatcher, chief, I have no idea. All I asked, the only conversation 21 paragraph we're looking at. 21 22 Yeah. I'm trying to understand between me and the first person is I told them who I was and I would like to talk to 23 what he's saying here. 23 24 Okay. So he could have 24 whoever was handling the investigation with been the person that answered the phone. 25 the Bush children. 25

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2	Q. Okay. He's saying he is.	2	conversation not the first because he
3	A. Okay.	3	already answered the first one. He
4	Q. But you're saying you don't know.	4	doesn't remember who he spoke to. Now
5	What I'm now looking to	5	ask him about about the second one.
6	say is his statement consistent	6	God, how hard is that?
7	A. But there was never	7	MR. PURICELLI: It's not
8	Q with what you did say?	8	hard if he'd answer the question.
9	If you're telling me it's	9	MR. HENZES: He tried.
10	not, if not, what's inconsistent?	10	You don't like the answer. That's the
11	A. Like I said, the only	11	problem.
12	recollection I have of the first call was	12	
13	identifying myself and stating that I was	13	(Discussion held off the
14	looking to talk to whoever was handling the	14	record.)
15	Bush children investigation.	15	
16	Q. Okay. So are you telling me what	16	(Recess.)
17	he writes	17	
18	MR. HENZES: But he's	18	BY MR. PURICELLI:
19	writing on the second phone call.	19	Q. All right. Sergeant Tripp,
20	Can we get that straight?	20	you've had a chance to look at Tripp-2.
21	This is $10/24/06$ . The	21	Correct?
22	first call happened in August of '06.	22	A. Yes.
23	MR. PURICELLI: I know.	23	Q. Okay. Now, and I represented to
24	MR. HENZES: Well, then	24	you it's a statement of Sergeant Patton;
25	ask him those questions about the second	25	although, you don't remember who you talked
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2	to. I'm trying to find out if what Sergeant	2	A. Who that person is, I have no

120 to. I'm trying to find out if what Sergeant idea. 3 Patton wrote about what he believed occurred 3 between you and he is consistent to your 4 Sergeant, hold on a second. I 5 know all that. I just told you that so we 5 memories or at least what you did, not if you remember who you did it with. That's all I'm wouldn't go through this exercise. I know 7 7 you don't know who you talked to on the phone looking for. 8 except when you finally got to Christopher Is it consistent with --8 A. 9 O. Your --Bush, but we know you talked to somebody. 10 You agree. You just don't 10 A. No. know who. 11 Q. -- memory of at least your 11 12 Right? 12 actions. 13 A. No. 13 A. Correct. All right. That's fair. 14 All right. Now, Sergeant Patton 14 Q. says that somebody is him. 15 So can you tell me in this 15 MR. HENZES: Okay. 16 statement what you dispute Sergeant Patton 16 17 attributes to the interaction between you and 17 BY MR. PURICELLI: him? Okay. You can't dispute it. 18 18 19 I believe I've already stated 19 Right? A. 20 that. The first phone call that I made was 20 Nope. A. to Detective Bush. 21 Q. No. 21 22 He writes a statement, 22 Q. And no one else. which I gave your attorney and that said this 23 A. Well, I had to be transferred to 23 24 somebody. 24 is what happened. 25 25 Even though you don't know Q. I know.

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2	children	David Bush's children were living		2	Α.	My opinion?
3	with Detect	ive Bush, didn't say that.		3	Q.	No. What you actually know it to
4	Q.	Okay.		4	be or not?	?
5	A. '	The second when I got to Chris		5	Α.	I can only offer you an opinion.
6	Bush, Detec	ctive Bush, I asked him if he knew		6	Q.	All right. So you don't know
7	where the k	kids were.		7	anything	about court orders if they're good
8	Q.	Okay. Well, I'm only trying to		8	or bad.	
9	find out wh	at you say agree you said and		9		Correct?
10	what you d	isagree you said.		10	Α.	Well, it apparently was good. It
11	<b>A.</b>	Okay. I don't believe I've ever		11	got signed	d by a judge. The means to obtain
12	told him th	at David Bush had executed a		12	it might h	ave been a little off the wall,
13	fraudulent	court order.		13	but	
14	Q.	Now, you said, "I don't believe I		14	Q.	Okay. Now, do you know any
15	said that."			15	reason yo	u can tell me, factual reason, why
16		Do you have specific		16	Sergeant	Patton of the Newtown Township
17	recollection	of not saying that?		17	Police De	partment would attribute these
18	A.	I didn't say that. No.		18	statement	ts to you?
19	Q.	So you're saying		19	A.	No.
20	<b>A.</b>	Because		20	Q.	The ones you say you didn't. The
21	Q.	Sergeant Patton in this		21	ones you	say you didn't make.
22	document -	-		22	Α.	Again, this is not my writing. I
23	<b>A.</b>	Because it was not a fraudulent		23	don't kno	w what his thought process is.
24	order.			24	Q.	I know. I'm asking you for
25	Q.	Well, what was it then?		25	factual. 1	'm not asking for opinion.

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2	with your discussions with	2 find in the file for us	
3	A. No. I didn't even know where it	3 MR. HENZES: I never found	
4	was.	4 it.	
5	Q. Never met Sergeant Patton before.	5 MR. PURICELLI: You never	
6	Correct?	6 found it?	
7	A. Not that I'm aware of.	7 MR. HENZES: I found the	
8	Q. Okay. So you can't offer to me	8 report, but there was no statement.	
9	any basis he would have, factual basis, to	9 There was no statement that was	
10	write a statement that's not true.	10 attached. I'm looking at another	
11	A. No.	11 document.	
12	Q. Okay. And is it true you don't	MR. PURICELLI: Okay.	
13	recall everything you said to whoever this	13 BY MR. PURICELLI:	
14	person was you talked to?	14 Q. While Randy continues to look,	
15	A. That is correct.	15 now, after you prepared this written whatever	
16	Q. Is it true you didn't write a	16 you want to call it document and sent it to	
17	report when you made the phone call down to	17 the lieutenant, he came up and visited you	
18	Christopher Bush?	18 and asked you questions.	
19	A. That is correct.	19 Correct?	
20	Q. Okay. So you don't have any	A. Not sure whether he came up or I	
21	contemporaneously created documents of that	21 went down.	
22	phone call. Either one of them.	Q. Okay.	
23	A. No.	A. Doesn't really matter here or	
24	Q. Now, after you gave your	24 there.	
25	statement, which Mr. Randy was kind enough to	Q. Which means you don't really	

132 2 Major Hill about Christopher Bush or David Bush? 3 4 A. Could have. 5 Q. Do you have any direct recollection of having any? 6 7 A. 8 Q. Okay. Did you learn from any source that there was no violation of the 9 Newtown Township Police Department or 10 Christopher Bush for making the entry into 11 the NCIC? 12 13 I don't think I learned that until I reviewed all the stuff before this or 14 before going down to his arbitration hearing. 15 16 O. Okay. And is it true, assuming 17 you didn't say something to the lieutenant the second time, you've never alleged that 18 19 Christopher Bush did anything wrong in making 20 an entry of the kids in NCIC as missing? 21 A. I asked him if he made the entry. Yeah, but you didn't say it was 22 Q. improper. 23 Did you? 24 25 I asked him if he had an A.

State Police into that NCIC entry?

A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you recall when you learned

5 that?

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6 A. No.

7 Q. Do you recall if it was before or

8 after your second interview with the

9 lieutenant?

10 A. No idea.

11 Q. Can you offer to me any factual

12 reasons to believe you didn't learn that

13 until after the second entry?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Okay. And do you recall how you

16 learned there was that investigation?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Do you recall who told you about

19 it?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Do you recall if somebody told

22 you or you read something?

23 A. I don't recall at all.

Q. Okay. Have you had any

25 communications with then Captain Hill, now